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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

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Inaugural

## South Carolina Community Relations and Development Annual Conference

You are invited to attend the Inaugural South Carolina Community Relations and Development Annual Conference on May 5-6, 2017, hosted by the College of Charleston's Institute of Community Development in partnership with the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission, Charleston Southern University and Denny's Corporation. Please visit the website for more information:  
[www.institutecommunitydevelopment.com](http://www.institutecommunitydevelopment.com) .

### JOIN US IN THIS PIONEERING EFFORT IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA!

The Institute of Community Development was formed at the College of Charleston in the months following the Emanuel 9 tragedy along with a Coalition for Community Enhancement comprised of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC) and Corporate sponsors such as Denny's and Boeing. SCHAC's Commissioner Raymond Buxton, II, encourages you to attend this inaugural conference.

The mission of the Institute is to establish new systems-oriented processes for issues management in support of community relations and development in the State of South Carolina, referred to as the Quality of Community Life Initiative.

#### Location:

College of Charleston - North Campus  
3800 Paramount Drive  
North Charleston, SC

#### Registration Fee:

\$25 registration fee  
(includes lunch and Community Relations and Development practicum certification by the College of Charleston)

#### Register:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66YW7VL>

#### Date/Time:

Friday, May 5th, 2017

11 am - 5 pm - SCCRD Conference. Registration opens at 9:00 am.

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm - Annual Community Relations Council Meeting

6 pm - 8 pm - Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

9 am - 4 pm - Workshops



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### Communication Key to Success of Community Policing Programs



Successful crime prevention not only comes from having eyes on the streets, but meaningful partnerships between citizens and law enforcement. Open communication is important to maintaining those partnerships. Police must educate residents on what to look for and encourage them to be proactive in reporting suspicious persons and activities.

“Educating the public is the key to effective crime prevention,” says Denny Powers, Criminal Justice Program Director at South University in Columbia, South Carolina.

“Residents have to feel that the police are on their side as a partner. Being dedicated or committed to helping residents and being responsive to their concerns are keys to establishing working partnerships.”

The National Neighborhood Watch Program is the National Sheriffs' Association program that informs citizens about how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. The program was started in 1972 because of a need for a crime prevention initiative focused on residential areas and involving local citizens.

“Nobody knows the neighborhood better than the people in it,” says Chris Tutko, Director of the Neighborhood Watch Program for the National Sheriffs' Association. “They know if a car has been sitting out for days or if someone has been lurking around houses in the neighborhood.”

“Having police patrol the neighborhoods was not enough to prevent crime,” Powers says about the Neighborhood Watch Program. “Community education and community participation in crime prevention programs have worked well.”

Powers says crime prevention is more than just locking up criminals in a particular neighborhood. He says crime prevention through environmental design can have more lasting effects.

“There are strong correlations between poverty, poor education, ineffective parenting, single-parent families, alcohol, and substance abuse coupled with the influence of juvenile gang membership,” he says. “Deteriorating neighborhoods, a high drop-out rate for schools, unemployment, and a lack of access to quality medical care are all contributors. Crime incubates when these conditions are present.”

<http://source.southuniversity.edu/communication-key-to-success-of-community-policing-programs-27294.aspx> -Author: Darice Britt

### Annual Event Calendar for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

#### January

MLK/Interfaith Awareness

#### February

African American History

#### March

Women's History/End Racism Day

#### April

Fair Housing

#### May

Law Enforcement/  
Community Relations

#### June

Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9  
Remembrance, Peace & Reconciliation

#### July

Employment Discrimination/  
Economic Opportunity

#### August

Youth Project/Back to School

#### September

Hispanic Heritage/  
Cultural Diversity

#### October

Disability Employment Awareness

#### November

American Indian Heritage/  
Veterans' Appreciation

#### December

Aging & Poverty Issues